



Merchantville Police Department 2021 Summary Report of Internal Affairs Complaints

In accordance with Requirement 10 of the New Jersey Attorney General's Internal Affairs Guideline, the Merchantville Police Department is releasing to the public a report that summarizes the allegations received and the investigations concluded for 2021. The report will also provide a brief synopsis of all complaints where a fine or suspension of 10 days or more was assessed to an Officer.

During 2021, there were 4 complaints received. The public made 4 complaint and 0 were generated internally.

The chart below reflects the 4 complaints that were investigated and closed during 2021. One complaint (Other Criminal Violation) is currently open and not reflected in the chart.

Type of Complaint	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Unfounded	Admin. Closed
Excessive Force	0	2	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	0	0	0	1	0
Other Criminal Violation	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	2	0	1	0

Possible Dispositions of Internal Affairs complaints include:

1. **Exonerated**: The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.
2. **Not Sustained**: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
3. **Sustained**: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation and the actions of the officer violated a provision of the agency's rules and regulations or procedures.
4. **Unfounded**: The alleged incident did not occur.

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The following is a synopsis of the sustained findings during the year 2021 where a fine or suspension of 10 days or more was assessed to an Officer:

No Officer received a fine or suspension of 10 days or more during 2021.